

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service

Managing, conserving, and protecting living marine resources

- Federal Endangered Species Act

Threatened South-Central California Coast Steelhead

- Currently present in Salinas River watershed
- Salinas River critical to survival and recovery
- Migration flows
- Suitable habitat

Implementing the ESA

- Recovery Plans (section 4)
- Interagency Consultation (section 7)

Regulatory Role

- Federal agency consults with NMFS
- Federal agency responsible for biological assessment
- Consultation initiation package
- Biological opinion issued by NMFS

Conserve, protect, and recover

- Protective of steelhead and their habitat
- Ecologically sustainable and effective
- Not preclude recovery
- Collaborative
- DEIR

Next steps

- Demonstration project
- Stream maintenance program